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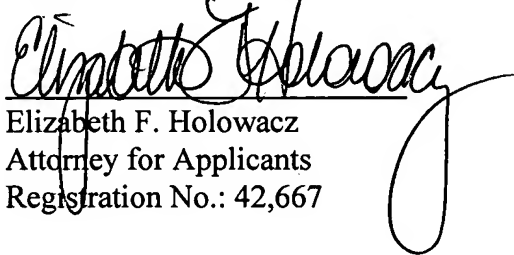
Claims 1-40 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 13, 21 and 33 being in independent form. Claims 1-12, 17-32 and 37-40 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 13-16 and 33-36 have been amended to clarify the invention and to address certain informalities; no new matter has been added. Favorable reconsideration of these claims is requested.

Claims 13-16 and 33-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In view of Applicants' amendment of each of claims 13 and 33 to be in independent form (i.e., subject matter from each of claims 1 and 21 have been incorporated respectively therein) and Applicants' amendment of each of claims 14-16 and 34-36 to address the informalities noted by the Examiner, Applicants submit that the §112 rejection has been overcome and respectfully request its withdrawal.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and passage to issue of the present case is respectfully requested. If, upon consideration of this paper, the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney in an effort to expeditiously resolve such issues.

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